

HIGH BUILDINGS REQUIRE ESCAPES

Means of Exit Inadequate
on Apartment Houses.

VIEWS OF COMMISSIONERS

Regulations Will Be Amended and Compliance With Law Enforced in Interests of Public Safety.

"As a general proposition, every apartment house in the District, more than five stories high and having only one interior means of exit, which is a stairway enclosing an elevator shaft, should be equipped with fire escapes, regardless of the fact that such houses are built of fireproof material."

This significant statement was authorized this morning by Colonel Biddle, Engineer Inspector of the District, Commissioner West informed The Times that he would heartily endorse such a recommendation, and Commissioner Macfarland said he would approve whatever came to him through the Engineer Commissioner and the Building Inspector.

To Amend Regulations.

Furthermore, The Times has been authorized to announce that the present building regulations, relating to fire escapes, are to be repealed or radically amended, in order to correct some existing defects, and provide for contingencies now overlooked. The new law will contain a clause providing that fire escapes be erected on all hotels, apartment houses or other buildings used for residential purposes, over five stories in height, and where the only means of exit is down stairs which enclose an elevator shaft.

Such a law as this will mean an expenditure of fire escape apparatus of about \$80,000. The Building Inspector says it will cost each apartment house from \$300 to \$500 to comply with the law, and there are about twelve large buildings which will be affected.

The first case to which the attention of the Commissioners will be directed is that of the Iowa, on the corner of Thirteenth and O Streets northwest. The Commissioners today ordered fire escapes constructed on the Iowa, at 1235 L Street. Complaints have been received against the Farmington, the Olympia, and the Mount Vernon. The Building Inspector has been on his list, and it is understood each case will be treated individually.

Conditions Have Changed.

"The Commissioners are aware to the fact," said Colonel Biddle today, "that conditions are changing from time to time, and that ideas concerning fire precautions are not the same as they were ten, or even five years ago. The law gives the Commissioners discretion in the matter of requiring fire escapes, and I am in favor of having them placed on all apartment houses not now so provided."

Commissioner West said there was no doubt that these conditions were dangerous, and he would gladly approve any recommendation emanating from Colonel Biddle's office. Commissioner Macfarland will do the same, so it would appear that the legislation is as good as adopted. The apartment houses will have sixty days after the regulation has been approved, to comply with it. The penalty for non-compliance, it is understood, will be a fine of not more than \$100 nor less than \$50 for each day the law is disobeyed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

George W. Houlton, 42, and Celeste A. Lawson, 28.
William M. Daniel, 27, and Amelia A. Henry, 25.
Christopher C. Brooks, 22, and Sarah A. Banks, 20.
George Davis, 33, and Gertrude L. Campbell, 27.
William D. Adams, 29, and Nellie A. Hall, 28.
Abc Kuselle, 29, of Baltimore, and Carrie Newmeyer, 21, of Havre de Grace, Md.
Henry E. Donaldson, 32, and Iola Hall, 22.
George T. Hall, 24, and Lucy Frances Hayden, 22.

Through Parlor Car to Atlantic City

Via Penn. Ry. Commencing January 28, Penn. Ry. will run a through parlor car, daily except Sunday, from Washington to Atlantic City, leaving Washington, 12:45 p. m., and from Atlantic City to Washington, commencing January 29, daily except Sunday, leaving Atlantic City at 10 a. m.

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BISHOPS FEARFUL FOR UNIVERSITY

Catholic Churchmen Think Institution Is in Danger.

GENERAL LACK OF PROGRESS

Washington School for Post-Graduates Not a Success—Conference Called in Its Behalf.

The "New York Herald" this morning says: According to statements made in Catholic circles yesterday a crisis has come in the affairs of the Catholic University at Washington, which may result in the radical change of asking some of the teaching orders—the Jesuits or Dominicans—to take charge of chairs in the faculty.

This with the question of the summing up of a plenary council of the hierarchy of the United States. It is said, will form the main topic of discussion at the special meeting of the archbishops that will be held in Washington next Friday and Saturday.

Archbishop Farley, it is also stated, has summoned a meeting of his suffragans, the Bishops of Rochester, Syracuse, Ogdensburg, Brooklyn, Albany, Trenton, and Buffalo, to meet at his residence in this city tomorrow. The Bishop of Newark, Monsignor O'Connor, who is in Rome, will be the only one absent.

Duty of Province.

They will discuss, it was stated last night, what the province of New York can do for the university and give their individual opinions on the necessity of holding the projected plenary council. Similar meetings have been or will be held by each archbishop, so that when all come together in Washington they can make the formal reports that are to be sent to Rome.

In spite of all the urging of the late Pope Leo XIII, who was so much interested in the Catholic University, according to one of those connected with its progress so far, has not made the success the late Pope hoped for it. Its management was some time ago, he added, taken over from the Congregation of the Propaganda, and given to the Congregation of Studies.

Cardinal Sarto is now its virtual head, and Monsignor O'Connell, the rector, is the executive who carries out his wishes. As the university did not satisfactorily progress either numerically or financially, Cardinal Gibbons received a special letter recently from the Pope ordering a general collection for its benefit in all the dioceses of the United States this year and next year.

The result of this will be announced at the coming meeting in Washington. Indications are said to point to the fact that the amount has not been as large as was expected.

Head to Recent Suggestions.

It was also stated that heed may now be given to the suggestion already made in several church organs that the only way to help the university, and to help the cause of the Catholic Church in America, has been the obstacles to the university's progress was to invite the teaching orders to become part of the faculty. On the question of a plenary council the bishops are said to be divided. Archbishop Farley will start for Rome on February 4, and will carry with him the result of the Washington conference. He will be gone until Easter. The other archbishops will follow him to Rome later.

During the archbishop's absence, Mr. Mooney will be in charge of the diocese. Archbishop Farley will take Father J. V. Lewis, his secretary, and the Rev. P. J. Hayes, the chancellor, with him. Archbishop Keane, who was the first rector of the Catholic University, left this city for Washington yesterday.

COL. RANDLE DONATES LAND NEAR ENGINE HOUSE

The District Commissioners have received from A. E. Randle a deed for the additional land donated by him for the Congress Heights engine house, and received vouchers for material furnished for and used in the house. Mr. Randle requests that the amount of the vouchers for materials furnished be accepted by the District along with the deed.

SUTTON CLEARS RIVER.

The river situation at that point could be desired. "Commodore" Sutton has managed to clear the river from the Three Sisters dam, but not enough to cause any apprehension.

NEW GEORGETOWN BRANCH.

The Times has opened a branch office for the recording of want advertisements and subscriptions for The Evening and Sunday Times at W. H. Clarke's establishment, 1234 1/2 N. W. Advertisements will be received at regular office rates, and any complaints for the non-delivery of papers will receive prompt attention at this agency.

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Mirza Ali Asgar Khan Apparently a Fugitive

Grand Vizier of Persia Hurrying Across the Continent on Some Mysterious Mission That Diplomats Cannot Explain.

Hurrying across the American continent as fast as limited trains can take him, Mirza Ali Asgar Khan, prime minister of Persia, will not stop in Washington as he had originally intended to do. No sooner had he reached San Francisco, after a long sea trip, than the grand vizier dashed for a train and is now speeding on his way to Chicago.

His flight, for such it appears to be, is a source of much conjecture to those diplomats in Washington who are interested in Persian affairs, and they are unable to account for the mystery which surrounds his movements and his precipitancy. The fact that Gen. Isaac Khan, the Persian minister, rather unexpectedly resigned his post here just prior to the date on which Mirza Khan would arrive led to a report that he was trying to "dodge" his compatriot for fear that he might have to entertain him.

SCOTS OBSERVE NATAL DAY OF ROBERT BURNS

Caledonian Club Holds Its Annual Banquet on the 145th Anniversary of Birth of Poet.

In celebration of the 145th anniversary of the birthday of Robert Burns, the Caledonian Club held its annual banquet at Reuter's last evening. The banquet and speechmaking began at 9 o'clock and lasted until well after midnight. It was conceded to be the most brilliant affair in the history of the organization.

Dr. Thomas Miller, chief of the club, officiated as toastmaster. The walls of the hall shook from the cheering of the lads from beside the bonnie briar bush when Piper Major David Brunton entered playing "Scots, Who Hae Y' Wallace Bled."

Harry L. Shackelford sang coon songs and was encored many times. The songs contributed by James Painter and William Gardner were enthusiastically received. Whenever there was a lag in the regular program some sturdy Scotchman would start up some old-time favorite such as "Banks o' Loch Lomond," "Annie Laurie," or "Duncan Gray."

Speakers Applauded.

The speeches were also loudly applauded, especially those made to the toasts that had been previously arranged. These were as follows:

"The Day We Celebrate: To the immortal memory of Robert Burns," Clansman "Scottie" Smyth; "The Land o' Cakes: May her future be as glorious as her past," Clansman Dr. W. C. Barr; "Our Adopted Country: The home of thousands of good Scotchmen, and better Americans," Clansman Capt. Robert Armour; "The President: The Executive, not the ruler, of a free people," Clansman A. E. L. Leekle; and "The Lassie: She elects without voting, and governs without law," Clansman James W. W. W.

Other addresses were made by Dr. Bennett and James Duncan, of the American Federation of Labor. The committee in charge of the arrangements for the dining included Dr. Thomas Miller, Robert Low, William Jardine, William Gardner, and Dr. Francis Wood.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS HEAR EULOGY OF LEE

Charles Broadway Rous Camp Celebrates Chieftain's Birthday.

Dr. Samuel E. Lewis delivered the principal address, a eulogy upon the life of Gen. Robert E. Lee, at the meeting of Charles Broadway Rous Camp, No. 119, United Confederate Veterans, held in the hall of the camp, 1502 Fourteenth Street, last evening, for the purpose of celebrating the birthday of the Confederate general.

The opening invocation was delivered by the Rev. W. T. Thompson, a veteran of the "Lost Cause."

General Lee's hymn favorite "How Firm a Foundation" was sung by the audience. In memory of General Longstreet and General Gordon, who had died since the last meeting of the camp, appropriate resolutions were adopted.

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LOST IN ESCAPE FROM OYSTER BOAT

The Cook Disappears After Struggle for Life.

HIS COMPANION IS SAFE

Survivor's Tale of Hardship on Chesapeake Dredger Told to Authorities in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 26.—Few of the tales of shanghaiing and cruelty on Chesapeake Bay oyster boats, equal that told United States District Attorney Rose by Daniel Maleary, a nineteen-year-old lad, from Shenandoah, Pa. A part of the story deals with cruelties, in which H. E. Lee, a cook, was a joint victim. Lee is supposed to have lost his life in the attempt to escape.

Young Maleary said that early in December he went to Philadelphia in search of employment, and fell in with a man who promised him a berth on a sloop on the Chesapeake, with plenty of plain food and a salary of \$18 per month. He accepted, and came to Baltimore, thence to Hooper's Island by steamer, where he went aboard the sloop—then learning that it was an oyster dredger.

Robbed of Clothing.

Both newcomers were robbed of their clothes by the captain, and kept working from 4 a. m. until 9 p. m., insufficiently clad. Additional work was thrown on Lee and Maleary by the desertion of two of the crew, and no meals were allowed between the time of going to work and quitting. At last hunger and illness made Maleary bold enough to approach the captain and tell him that he was killing them. His reply was a blow in the boy's face which felled him to the deck. He then threw him overboard into the bay, which was filled with broken ice.

Lee tied one end of a rope to the mast and, taking the other in his hand, leaped overboard after the drowning Maleary. They managed to crawl aboard, the captain standing at the rail, laughing at their frantic endeavors to save themselves. The moment they reached the sloop, he told them to beat their heads with his fists until he was tired, and then threw them down the hatchway.

Trip Over Ice.

At 3 o'clock on the morning of January 8, the ice being thick enough to bear them, Maleary and Lee let themselves down over the side of the sloop and started for Hooper's Island, a mile distant. It was pitch dark, and the ice was rough and full of holes and cracks. They stumbled along for an hour. During that time Maleary fell into three air holes, and Lee had two experiences of the same kind. Their clothing became frozen, but still they kept plodding along toward the Hooper Light.

When nearly there, the half-unconscious Maleary discovered that he was alone. After looking in vain for his friend, he reached the island in safety. Maleary's father has sent him money with which to clothe himself and pay his expenses, and urges his son to stay in Baltimore and prosecute the case to the bitter end.

CAN OBTAIN CHART OF FIRST PUZZLE

Papers on Sale Containing Larger Letters.

A LESS NUMBER OF WORDS

Some Spellings Barred in Second Contest, Making Solution Easier. Many Making a Trial.

A good many who are working on The Times' new word and letter contest have asked if they could secure copies of the paper containing the advertisement of the first contest. For the information of others who may desire to use the chart as it appeared in the first contest, The Times will state that copies of the paper containing the chart in its original form may be secured at The Times office. The chart being a little larger makes checking the letters easier. The new chart is precisely the same, however, as the first, except reduced in size.

Fewer Words Possible.

One or two people have written The Times that they have found it impossible to make as many words as before. This is undoubtedly true by a good many scores of words. The elimination of nearly all two-letter words naturally reduces the number of possible words, and at the same time increases the number of letters which probably cannot be used. All the lists so far received contain six and seven letter words, while very few in the last contest contained more than four. In fact, a great many lists did not contain words of more than three letters.

The present contest closes two weeks from next Saturday, and if you have not yet commenced to prepare a list of words for the competition you should get at it pretty soon, because the more study you put on the problem the better will be your chance to win. There will be no additional rulings, because the proposition is so plain that none is required.

RELIEF OF GERARDI.

The District Commissioners today recommended to Congress favorable action upon Senate bill 3597, for the relief of Vincenzo Gerardi, which was referred to them several days ago.

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